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SIR:

Supplementing the paper filed November 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application, and consider the remarks that follow.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claim as follows.

1. (Amended) A laser-markable plastic comprising a plastic and an absorber material of a laser-markable polymer in the form of micromilled particles having a particle size of 0.1 - 100 μm .

2. (Amended) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the absorber material is a high-temperature-resistant plastic.

3. (Twice Amended) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the absorber material is polyphenylene sulfide, polysulfone, polyarylate, polyimide, a liquid-crystalline polymer or a mixture thereof.

4. (Thrice Amended) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the proportion of the absorber material based on a plastics system is 0.1 - 10% by weight.

5. (Twice Amended) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the

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